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SUBJECT: 102 EX/22 (ITEM 6.2) - APPLICATION OF INTER-
NATIONAL COUNCIL ON HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND
RECREATION (ICHPER) FOR NGO STATUS WITH UNESCO

REF: PARIS 13735

1. EXBD NGO COMMITTEE REPORT WAS INTRODUCED TO PLENARY
SESSION OF EXBD BY BUSTAMANTE (PANAMA), CHAIRMAN OF NGO
COMMITTEE. GENERAL DEBATE INCLUDED REFERENCES TO NGOS
UNDER CONSIDERATION.

2. PRC OPENED DEBATE MOVING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO PARA 2
(B) OF RESOLUTION CONTAINED IN PARA. 15 OF DOCUMENT
102 EX/20 DRAFT CHANGING THE TEXT FROM "THE EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE DECIDES TO DEFER TO ITS SPRING SESSION IN 1978
EXAMINATION OF THE APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO CATEGORY
A OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATION: INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DECIDES TO DEFER EXAMINATION OF THE
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO CATEGORY A OF THE INTER-
NATIONAL COUNCIL ON HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND RE-
CREATION UNTIL SUCH TIME AS IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLU-
TIONS 12.1 AND 7.34 ADOPTED AT THE 19TH SESSION OF THE
GENERAL CONFERENCE, IT TAKES MEASURES TO BREAK OFF ALL
RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA AND THE 'CHIANG CLIQUE'".

3. ROMANIA AND USSR MADE STATEMENTS SUPPORTING PRC. FRG CAUTIONED THAT SUCH AN AMENDMENT BORDERED ON A SANCTION WHICH WAS NOT THE INTENT OF RESOLUTION 12.1 AS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE. FRG ALSO STATED THAT RESOLUTION 12.1 REFERRED TO "... NGOS PARTICIPATING IN ANY WAY IN THE POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA" AND THAT SUCH RESOLUTION SHOULD NOT BE APPLIED TO NGOS HAVING INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS IN SOUTH AFRICA. PORTUGAL MADE POINT THAT THE RESOLUTIONS DO NOT ASSOCIATE ILLEGAL GOVERNMENTS WITH INDIVIDUALS AND THAT CONSIDERATION OF NGOS SHOULD NOT BE JEOPARDIZED BY THE FACT THAT THEY HAVE INDIVIDUAL OR ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS WHICH MAY NOT BE IN ACCORD WITH POLICIES OF ILLEGAL GOVERNMENTS. PORTUGAL REQUESTED DG TO CLARIFY THIS POINT AND PARA 10 OF DOCUMENT EX/22 WHICH APPEARED TO BE UNCLEAR REGARDING ICHPER'S ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP IN SOUTH AFRICA.

4. AFTER SOME DIFFICULTY, WHICH WAS APPARENTLY RESULT OF INADEQUATE BRIEFING OF THE DG BY HIS STAFF, THE DG STATED THAT THE ICHPER MEMBERSHIP LIST HAD BEEN RECEIVED IN MARCH 1976 AND THAT THE 15 FEBRUARY 1977 LETTER OFFICIALLY STATED THAT ICHPER HAD NO MEMBERSHIP OR RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA.

5. IN LIGHT OF DG'S CLARIFICATION CHAIRMAN ASKED PRC IF IT WOULD BE WILLING TO WITHDRAW AMENDMENT. PRC REFUSED. DG THEN OFFERED A SUBSTITUTE WHICH WAS ACCEPTED.

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ED BY PRC: "THE EXBD DECIDES TO DEFER EXAMINATION OF THE APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO CATEGORY A OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATION: INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL ON HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND RECREATION - UNTIL IT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED THAT IT HAS COMPLIED WITH THE TERMS OF RESOLUTION 7.34 AND 12.1 ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE AT ITS NINETEENTH SESSION."

6. VOTE ON DG'S AMENDMENT WAS 31 : 1 (US) : 3 (FRG, JAPAN, BELGIUM). LIBYA, BARBADOS, RWANDA AND FRANCE NOT PRESENT. PERU, BRAZIL AND ITALY DID NOT VOTE.

7. VOTE ON NGO COMMITTEE REPORT WAS 34 : 0 : 2 (US, FRG). US DELIVERED STRONGLY WORDED EXPLANATION OF VOTE COVERING POINTS LISTED IN REFTEL AND ENDING WITH FOLLOWING QUOTE "MR. CHAIRMAN, I CAN ONLY CONCLUDE THAT THIS WAS A POLITICAL AND NOT A SUBSTANTIVE VOTE, AND I

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DEEPLY REGRET THAT I MUST NOTE THIS FACT."

8. COMMENT: REGARDLESS OF THE MEANING OF THE WORDING OF RESOLUTIONS 12.1 AND 7.34, THE AFRICANS AND PRC ARE CLEARLY WORKING TOGETHER TO PROHIBIT NGOS HAVING MEMBERSHIPS IN SOUTH AFRICA, RHODESIA AND TAIWAN FROM AFFILIATING WITH UNESCO. ALTHOUGH THE DG FINALLY MADE IT CLEAR THAT ICHPER HAD NO MEMBERSHIP IN SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA, THE FACT THAT ICHPER MIGHT HAVE MEMBERSHIP IN TAIWAN WAS ENOUGH TO CAUSE STAUNCH PRC OPPOSITION AND CONSEQUENT SYMPATHY FROM AFRICANS. PERMDEL FEELS THAT THE INTENT OF THE DG'S SUGGESTED AMENDMENT WAS TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR ICHPER TO BE CONSIDERED FAVORABLY AT A LATER DATE. THE VOTES IN PARAS 6 AND 7 INDICATE THAT OUR WESTERN EUROPEAN FRIENDS ARE NOT WILLING TO FOLLOW US LEAD OF STANDING ON PRINCIPLE, THEREBY OPPOSING GC RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING NGOS. ALTHOUGH ONE COULD BLAME THE SECRETARIAT FOR NOT IMMEDIATELY MAKING CLEAR ICHPER'S NON-MEMBERSHIP IN SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA, PERMDEL FEELS THAT THE BASIS FOR THE MISUNDERSTANDING LIES WITH ICHPER ITSELF. WHEN MAKING APPLICATION FOR CONSIDERATION THIS YEAR, ICHPER

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COULD HAVE SENT A COMPLETE SET OF NEW, CORRECTED RECORDS TO SECRETARIAT INSTEAD OF REFERRING TO PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED DOCUMENTS. SECRETARIAT FELT IT WAS FACED WITH CONTRADICTORY INFORMATION.

9. RECOMMENDATION: IF ICHPER CONTINUES TO BE INTERESTED IN APPLYING NEXT YEAR FOR A FORMAL RELATIONSHIP WITH UNESCO, IT MUST ASSUME THE MAJOR RESPONSIBILITY FOR ATTEMPTING TO GAIN SUCH STATUS. AS A FIRST STEP, IT SEEMS TO US, ICHPER SHOULD WRITE TO DG REQUESTING THAT IT BE ADMITTED TO CATEGORY C STATUS. ACCORDING TO DIRECTIVES GOVERNING NGOS' RELATIONSHIP WITH UNESCO, THE DG HAS AUTHORITY TO GRANT THIS WITHOUT CONSULTING EXBD. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND/OR PRESIDENT OF ICHPER SHOULD PRESENT LETTER TO DG IN PERSON AND CLARIFY NON-MEMBERSHIP IN SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA. IF DG GRANTS CATEGORY C STATUS, ICHPER SHOULD THEN APPLY FOR CATEGORY B STATUS NEXT YEAR. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND/OR PRESIDENT SHOULD APPEAR IN PERSON BEFORE EXBD NGO COMMITTEE AND PRESENT CASE. PERMDEL WILL OFFER ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE.
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